

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 910

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Becky Atnip for her outstanding accomplishments at Rhodes College.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those student-athletes who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom, on the court, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, Becky Atnip is one such exceptional student and superlative athlete who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all of her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her impressive high school career, Becky Atnip distinguished herself as a talented and devoted team player who led the Greenfield Lady Jackets Basketball Team to their first appearance in the state tournament in twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Atnip was named Valedictorian of the Greenfield High School class of 2006; and

WHEREAS, because of her outstanding academic success, Becky Atnip was awarded the Johnson Family Scholarship and joined the ranks of some of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country as an undergraduate at Rhodes College; and

WHEREAS, during her time at that venerable institution of higher learning, this exemplary young athlete became known as a basketball phenomenon and won acclaim across the State; and

WHEREAS, as the co-captain, Becky Atnip led the Lady Lynx Basketball Team to the final four at the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) Tournament, scoring twenty-two points against Depauw University, the eventual winner of the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atnip posted a number of impressive SCAC statistics over the course of her senior year; she finished her final season as the second most prolific scorer with an average of 16.6 points per game, second in free throw percentage at 86.6%, seventh in three-point percentage, first in three-pointers made, and first in minutes played per game; and

WHEREAS, Becky Atnip is only the eleventh woman in Rhodes history to score 1,000 career points, and her 1,232 career points make her the sixth highest scorer in Rhodes women's basketball history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atnip's sixty-four successful three-pointers and her 86.6% from the foul line both set new Rhodes records; and

WHEREAS, Becky Atnip's unparalleled career at Rhodes earned her countless opportunities, including her selection to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Third-Team All-SCAC during her junior year and membership in the Washington University's McWilliams Tournament All-Tournament Team during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a gifted athlete, Ms. Atnip is also deeply committed to community and public service, and she endeavored to serve her fellow citizens by delivering food to Memphis's inner city areas as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, possessing a deep and abiding love for the animal kingdom, Becky Atnip has worked as a volunteer at the Memphis Zoo; and

WHEREAS, because of her singular achievements in both academics and athletics, Becky Atnip was a proud participant in numerous honor societies, including serving as the secretary/treasurer of the Rhodes Chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa and a member of the Mortar Board Society, Rhodes's Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Chi Alpha Sigma National Collegiate Athlete Honor Society, and Beta Beta Beta Biology Honors Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Atnip was named the January 2009 Rhodes College Athlete of the Month and received the SCAC Character and Community Student Athlete of the Week Award during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atnip's display of intellectual aptitude and athletic prowess surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Becky Atnip, a woman of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and she is admired by her fellow Tennesseans for her tireless efforts

to excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the classroom, in the athletic arena, or in the actions of her daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor Becky Atnip for her substantial legacy as a student-athlete, offer our deep appreciation for the dedication that she has shown our State, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.